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1 DB Cst. Dayle BURRIS BK Cst. Ben KERSHAW

2 PW Paul WORTMAN

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4 DB This is Constable Dayle BURRIS and Constable Ben KERSHAW of the RCMP Major Crime Unit.

5 Today's the ah, eighth of May two thousand twenty. It's currently fourteen-thirty-four. We're

6 in Moncton New Brunswick with Mr. Paul WORTMAN. Mr. WORTMAN, as you understand

7 we're – we're investigating we're part of the investigative team that's working on the mass

8 shootings that happened in Nova Scotia on April eighteenth and April nineteenth, of two

9 thousand twenty. Um, obviously you have a connection to this ah, investigation and that's why

10 we're here. We're here to talk to you to learn about a background about your son, Gabriel

11 WORTMAN. What I'd like you to do is tell me everything about ah, I guess Gabriel as an

12 individual, how e grew up, we're – that's what we're interested in. And what I'd like you to do is

13 go back to the beginning, start from where you think's important, every little detail matters, you

14 – you go ahead.

15 PW I have nothing to say. I have no comments.

16 DB Ok.

17 PW I'm gonna tell you what happened, just before you came. Here.

18 DB Please do.

19 PW You see that book?

20 DB The Good News Bible? Yes.

21 PW Excuse me for a second.

22 DB Sure. Are you ok Mr. WORTMAN?

23 PW See this card?

24 DB Yeah.

25 PW My wife's upstairs crying, sit down please. Don't be nervous about me.

26 DB Sorry?

27 PW When I get out, when I leave the room I'm not doing anything to do anything.

28 DB Ok.

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1 PW Ok? It kinda bothers me your attitude, that – being – being nervous about me.

2 DB Pardon me?

3 PW What did you leave your chair when I went upstairs-

4 BK Cause – cause I- you know our safety is first and I mean I would do that in any – in any house we
5 are at.

6 DB Yeah you – you have to understand ah Mr. WORTMAN and I'm sure you could, everybody'd be a
7 little bit edgy after what happened, you understand-

8 PW I'm not edgy.

9 DB No no no, but you're talk- I'm – I'm – I'm talking about police right?

10 BK I'm speaking about myself and us.

11 DB Police, the public anybody.

12 PW This bag-

13 BK Mm-hmm.

14 PW Is full of gifts. It was full of cards. Of sympathy for us.

15 DB And if – if you remember Mr. WORTMAN when I cam in here, I articulated that, you're a victim
16 as well right, and your wife's a victim of this. It goes well-beyond everybody that passed away
17 on those two days right? Because the – the, the tragedy of what happened spreads throughout
18 the community right? Ben and myself worked down in that area for, what three weeks now,
19 ever since it happened, like we were there when, a lot of this happened. And, we've dealt with
20 people in the community and other witness we know that there's victims right?

21 PW My – I told my wife... families have been, affected.... And as long as those people live, if they live
22 to be eighty years old they're gonna remember they lost loved ones. My wife and I both said to
23 each other I would have stepped in front of a firing squad to prevent that, and she would of
24 done the same.

25 DB There's no doubt Mr. WORTMAN again that's – that's why I said what I said cause I do mean it.
26 Like there's – there's – everyone's been victimized by this. People who are even attached to
27 that family because they're – they're fearful of what happened right, because no one ever
28 excepted that to happen, a little tiny community in – in Nova Scotia or in Canada for that
29 matter.

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1 PW You know... the phone... has been unplugged for days. There are some, people... working for the
2 media... haven't got enough, intelligence, or compassion to have a respect for people. I'm
3 gonna ask you both, how many people do you believe, I know that area, how many people do
4 you believe would buy, the Globe and Mail? Tell me, tell me how many people you think would
5 buy the Globe and Mail in that area?

6 BK (Inaudible)

7 DB I – I wouldn't – I couldn't even guess.

8 PW Let's do percentage, fifty percent?

9 BK Mm-hmm.

10 PW In that area-

11 DB Ok-

12 PW How many would buy the Globe and Mail? Take a guess because I won't say another word
13 today unless I hear numbers.

14 BK I – I don't know.

15 PW Take a number guess. Percentage.

16 BK Forty to fifty percent.

17 PW What do you think?

18 DB I'd say even less myself.

19 PW Sorry?

20 DB I would say less.

21 PW I would say two percent.

22 DB I – I'd be in single digits for sure.

23 PW But why are they calling me?

24 DB the Globe and Mail I- well-

25 PW How about the Toronto Star as well?

26 DB Yeah.

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1 PW How about the door bell rang one day and my wife opened, there's a guy with a camera, that
2 looks like it was worth thousands of dollars.

3 DB Yeah.

4 PW Showing no respect at all.

5 DB Yeah. Well – well we would never show you any disrespect Mr. WORTMAN-

6 PW No-

7 DB We're – we're here working for all of the victims, right?

8 PW Right now I'm – I'm C1 - Personal Information I'll tell ya that.

9 BK Mm-hmm-

10 DB Ok.

11 PW C1 - Personal Information

12 BK Ok-

13 DB Ok.

14 PW My wife and I pray like, she has... she has one of the kindest hearts in this city.

15 DB Yeah.

16 PW I'm not exaggerating at all, I can tell ya what she does... when they had tents in Moncton, she
17 made sandwiches in big platters like that.

18 BK Mm-hmm.

19 DB Well see that – that – that's a side of this tragedy that we've seen right? That people in
20 community are doing those types of things like-

21 PW And that's what I understand there's a lot of kindnesses surfaced. And there's a lot of other
22 things that, have surfaced that aren't very thoughtful.

23 BK That's true.

24 DB Oh yeah, oh absolutely the – this – in these types of situations, ah you see the best and you see
25 the worst right on both – you see both ends. We – we – we try to focus on – on the positive
26 things ah because ah, if you look towards darkness all the time that's where you'll end up going
27 right? And ah.

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1 PW Well I have nothing to tell you honest to God.

2 DB Yeah I – I know you feel that way, um, and – and again, this is very common thing when we –
3 when we talk to witnesses right? Is that they don't feel that they have anything to offer, but
4 they certainly do ah, little – little tiny details we're Major Crime Investigators right? And in a
5 Major Crime Investigation, ah, every little stone gets unturned. We – we look at everything. It
6 could be the most ah obscure thing, we go and look at it. Absolutely there's – there – all the T's,
7 all the I's, they're all dealt with.

8 PW (Sighs)

9 DB So I – like I say what – what we're interested ah, today in hearing, is about ah Gabriel's
10 background, um, and things that happened through his life. We're trying to provide ah, answers
11 ah to again all these people in our community including yourselves right? Cause everything that
12 we gather is gonna be pulled together into the investigation to determine, is there anything that
13 we could have done to prevent this?

14 PW C1 - Personal Information Why a person would do that. He said there are many factors
15 and we'll never know the answer.

16 DB Yeah. Um, we've – we've felt, ah we have faced different challenges in our investigations as
17 well, um, we – we have to collect it all. We can't – we can't take that-

18 PW I have nothing to offer.

19 DB Yeah. But like I say we're hoping that we can talk about-

20 PW You asked me a question I'll answer it I have nothing to offer, I don't know what to tell you.

21 BK When was the last time you spoke to Gabriel?

22 PW Four years ago.

23 DB Tell us about that.

24 (Long pause)

25 PW My wife had ah a..

26 BK (Radio beep) Ten-four.

27 PW He made C1 - Personal Information

28 BK I'm gonna step out just a second ta update. Sorry.

29 DB Sorry go ahead Mr. WORTMAN.

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1 PW Made a [C1 - Personal Information] for her in Halifax.

2 DB Ok.

3 PW I wasn't with her when that was put on. But he told her, when he, did the work... he didn't
4 wanna see either one of his parents again. He did say why he said that, that was four years ago.
5 We've had no contact at all. That's the end of that.

6 DB Were-

7 PW That's all I – I just told you everything I know about that.

8 DB Ok.

9 PW He didn't say why.

10 DB Just left it at that.

11 PW That's what my wife told me.

12 DB Yeah. It's hard to believe, like given what you've said about your wife right? Tell me was this,
13 was that something normal or out of the ordinary for Gabriel to do or?

14 DB Excuse me.

15 PW When he was growing up... he did some amazing things as far as his intelligence go. Things that I
16 even told him he was much, more intelligent than I am.... He shown indications as he was an
17 entrepreneur when he was six years old, I won't go into that. But as he grew, he knew how to
18 do things, mechanically. He could adjust these eighteen speed bicycles, so he charged the kids a
19 dollar to tune up their bikes. Everything he did... he did it well... he was apparently third in his
20 weight class for the province in Roman Greco Wrestling. He was a very thin... tall person when
21 he was growing. I think he was around six foot three when he stopped growing. Very... strong,
22 solid person... I hadn't – I don't know... I'm gonna get a drink do you want a drink of water or
23 something?

24 DB Oh gosh no thank you, help – help yourself-

25 BK -Trying ta shut the screen door, I just, noticed it was still open.

26 DB Not – didn't catch?

27 BK Yeah no the screen door.

28 PW I don't know ah... he went to UNB and got a degree in ah... I think it was Bachelor of Arts and
29 then he got a degree in Business... he ah... he knew that he wanted to go into business. So,

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1 somehow, he had met a person in Fredericton who managed a funeral home. So, he took the
2 course I think it's in Kentville or Wolfville. He became a licensed embalmer and funeral director.
3 He worked for a company called Walker's in ah, Dartmouth. They provided him and his wife and
4 apartment on top of the funeral home. It wasn't long before he realized that if you don't own
5 those facilities, you're not gonna make a, much of a living. So then he decided to become a
6 dentist. He had bought ah a, he had purchased a ah, an apartment building, and in the
7 basement he made a... he set it up to make dentures. And he told the instructor ah what he had
8 done, and asked if he was allowed to take work home, from school they had projects to do. And
9 the instructor told him as long as I'm aware of what you take, to work on and bring it back and
10 show me and so on, you can do it. I believe ultimately he ended up leaving the class. He told
11 me there were – other students were a bit jealous. But he's the one that took the initiative to
12 do it... (Sighs) some how, he learned that, street people, people on social services, were entitled
13 to have dentures... so he used to carry business cards with him and pass them out. His business
14 grew because of that. It ended up that ah... I'll tell ya how smart he was, he took a map of
15 Halifax... And ah, marked where all the competition was. And he set up an office a – a complete,
16 complete dental operation, in a strategic spot that he didn't want anybody encroaching on his
17 business. It was never officially ever, it no one, to open that office, it has to be ah, sanctioned
18 by the um, dental society, denturist society. So if a fella went in a inspected it, it was completely
19 operational there was a chair and a, all the things you need for that business. So he leased that
20 from ah, whomever owned it. And not a patient ever went in it. He put a sign on it and business
21 cards and said, ah this is temporary closed, come to this address and we'll look after you. There
22 was an Oriental person, an Asian I don't know what his nationality was, called my son one time
23 and said that his family was from British Columbia, Vancouver. And he said he's decided he's
24 gonna close his operation, that was in Bedford. He wanted to know if my son wanted to buy his
25 equipment. My son knew where he lived or where his operation was, it was in a mini mall. And
26 he knew when the fella's lease was gonna be over he was gonna vacate. So he used to drive by
27 and all of a sudden the for lease of that facility, was there. And he quickly phoned the ah,
28 telephone company, and I think they slipped up because, my understanding is if - if a number is,
29 is ah, taken off the records, it has to stay, quiet for something – like three months because if I
30 get that number I don't wanna get his calls.

31 DB Mmm.

32 PW But he phoned up and said ah here's a number I wanna know if I can have it, for my business.
33 And they said sure. So he told me ah.. there was a balance in the – of time that it'd be in the
34 phone book, in the yellow pages from that operation. So he had a separate line hooked in, and
35 he told his ah, staff that ah, when that phone rings, you know it's from the other place, and tell
36 them that it's temporary closed and we'll handle your business in, Dartmouth. There was
37 another fellow was handy him, that was ah, sick and was dying of cancer. So he asked him if – if
38 he would be interested in selling his business to him. And the guys no I – I don't think the guy

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1 had done very well all those years, but, ultimately he died. And my son contacted his ah.. the
2 dent- the dentist's son and daughter, they were adults and he says I don't wanna buy your
3 father's business I wanna buy the name. So he gave them each five thousand dollars and they
4 gave him the rights to use his name. This is all going on he's building it all the time. There was a
5 fellow who was from England, that my son ah, knew that he was getting up in years and he
6 became friendly with him. And he said ah, I think it was a matter of maybe three years before
7 finally the fella said I am gonna stop, working. And my son said, I want you to work for me, in
8 that place that the fella has started. And ah, you can work any hours you want, I'll pay you very,
9 very well. Apparently that individual, the way they do things in Europe or England at least was a
10 little bit different, there was steps that they – they could that would speed up the process. So
11 that was more additional, benefit to my son... I lent him a sizable amount of money. Serious
12 money. I told my wife many times, I never went to sleep one night thinking he's not gonna
13 honour his payments. He was paying me back ten thousand dollars a month, to show you the
14 kinda money he was making. I don't know who told me this but apparently he had stumbled on
15 to a fellow who was living in a cardboard box of some type. I don't know if it was on the
16 newspaper or in the newspaper in Halifax or it was on the radio but somebody found out that he
17 made that fella his teeth for nothing. I think it's – seems to be ah, common knowledge now, I
18 think it was in.. a woman came to him because of her cancer treatment, lost both her upper and
19 lower teeth so he made her teeth for nothing... (Sighs) I had motorcycles when I was, I had my
20 first motorcycle I think when I was, sixteen. And I always had a motorcycle. And when he was
21 about fifteen or sixteen he wanted a motorcycle and I said no. Because I'd been accidents, and
22 they're dangerous and I didn't want my son to get hurt. So ultimately we res- that was ah
23 resolved by getting him a dirt bike, it wasn't allowed to go on the road. But he learned to do
24 things on that motorcycle that.. he could do jumps as high as this ceiling. The reason I say that is
25 because I had a dozer come in and re-landscape my property where we lived and ah, it was a
26 heck of a drop off and he came, after school and said I'm going ta, do a jump right over your
27 head. I thought he's just gonna fake it, he went flying over my head, and landed almost like
28 fifteen or twenty feet away. Didn't, didn't flop or anything. Anything he did he did it well.
29 Something happened to my wife's car and he changed the whole rear end in it. He never had
30 any formal training... (Sighs)

31 DB Thank you Mr. WORTMAN.

32 PW Sorry?

33 DB I said thank you. And like I say, our – our condolences, we can't – even begin to start to
34 understand, what you – you and your wife are going through. And what it's like to – to lose your
35 son, especially to these circumstances.

36 PW I'm gonna ask you to be honest with me.

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1 DB Yes sir.

2 PW You must have some background information already, about what he did, it – that.. the police
3 became involved.

4 DB I'm not sure if I understand your question, but continue.

5 (Long pause)

6 PW I have two brothers who are RCMP officers they're retired. I have another brother who was a
7 federal government employee. And about ten years ago.. late one night I got a phone call from
8 my brother who was the, worked for the federal government. And he said, Gabriel called, him,
9 my brother, and was drunk. And said that Gabriel was going to come from Halifax, or
10 Dartmouth, and shoot my wife and me. You have no knowledge of that?

11 DB No, I was aware of that. We learned that in our police file we were advised of it before we came
12 here.

13 PW I want you to tell me, what happened, because I know what happened, tell me what you know
14 about that particular incident.

15 DB That's pretty much it.

16 PW That's all you know?

17 BK Heard that it just – never came.

18 DB They never got – he never got here, and that-

19 BK And he never left-

20 DB Ah-

21 PW No, cause I said to my brother, he's not gonna come and shoot us, he's drunk. Undenounced to
22 me, the brother who was an RCMP officer, it was a conference call, I didn't know he was
23 listening. He could verify, that call.

24 DB Right.

25 PW So the brother who made the call, then said to the re- the RCMP officer, my brother, what do ya
26 think of that? To be honest with you I don't know what his response was... I want you to tell me,
27 or I – I swear I'll get that bible and stare you won't hear another peep out of me.

28 DB Mm-hmm.

29 PW I want you to tell me what you know about that file.

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1 DB And that's it, I – the only thing that I would know beyond that would be um, at least my
2 understanding was, that Lisa may have called somebody, that's it.

3 PW Then how do the RCMP know about it, that's all you know about it. Who called the RCMP?

4 DB That – well that's what I'm saying like, we weren't directly involved in that right?

5 PW No but you must have access to that file?

6 DB But we haven't ac- ask- accessed it. No-

7 BK I haven't actually lo- we haven't looked at that file at all, just – just through word of mouth have
8 I heard that.

9 DB Just so you understand, Mr. WORTMAN, ah, we're basically cogs in a big machine right?

10 PW I would of thought you would have had some background information before you came here?

11 DB To speak to you?

12 PW Yes.

13 DB Well we knew about that we're part of the investigative team working on – on this entire
14 investigation right, but we're not privy to everything.

15 (Phone rings)

16 PW Tell me what happens to their information.

17 DB Excuse me.

18 (Phone ringing)

19 DB Sorry. Sir you were asking Mr. WORTMAN?

20 (Phone ringing)

21 PW Is that your phone or mine?

22 BK No-

23 DB No that's yours.

24 BK It's yours, it's yours.

25 (Phone ringing)

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1 PW These are the kinda calls we get.

2 DB What is it?

3 DB Sorry Mr. WORTMAN, you were saying?

4 PW I wanna know what happens to the information you gather here today, you tell me the process
5 after you finish your investigation please.

6 DB After the investigation?

7 PW After your particular information is gathered, tell me what happens.

8 DB I can - I can speak to what Ben and I would do, or what we do with what we collect here today,
9 is that we provide a summary, a – a copy of the recording of our discussion. We provide a
10 summary of what we discussed. Right and what we learned, and that gets passed up to the
11 investigative team. Like cause there's a chain of command as you can probably –

12 PW Ultimately who- who – who would be, peruving that information?

13 DB Immediately, I can tell you immediately it'd be the lead ah, the team lead right of the
14 investigation, the team commander who runs the investigation with-

15 PW What would the rank of that person be?

16 DB Ah, Sergeant and Corporal.

17 BK Sergeant, yeah. Sergeant, Corporal.

18 PW Not very high up in the food chain.

19 DB Ah well, I mean, again I'm speculating at this point, but obviously we're talking about the-

20 PW So that gets filed and put in a slot and that's the end of that?

21 DB I can't predict the future as you can probably appreciate Mr. WORTMAN, but I'd have to think
22 that this whole investigation will be examined in great detail given the fact of the gravity of it
23 right?

24 PW I would hope so-

25 DB Yeah-

26 PW Not left on a desk with a Sergeant, I don't think that's very high up.

27 DB No no no, no.

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- 1 PW How about Superintendent.
- 2 DB That – that, but again Mr. WORTMAN, I – I don't have a crystal ball, I'm making assumptions,
3 again, given the – the gravity of it, it's more than likely going up the chain. Right, but
4 immediately, I'm talking the immediate future, is the process that I described to you.
- 5 PW How about if you highlighted something that was really glaring. S- there was a slip-up of the
6 RCMP would that come up do you think?
- 7 DB Well you-
- 8 PW If I say something?
- 9 DB Ex – well explain it to me, we're here to gather everything that you have to say.
- 10 BK Everything – everything that is provided here today, we provide up.
- 11 DB You-
- 12 PW I should tell you that ah, I mentioned motorcycles.
- 13 DB Yes.
- 14 PW There's a whole bunch of RCMP officers that are retired in this city.
- 15 DB Mm-hmm.
- 16 PW They all have Harleys, and I ride with them.
- 17 DB Ok.
- 18 PW I know more about police, than most people would think.
- 19 DB Ok.
- 20 PW I know how they think.
- 21 DB Ok.
- 22 PW You'd be surprised what I.. these particular individuals, most of them I said I... post-traumatic
23 stress syndrome. They used to gather.. at a restaurant. There'd be seven or eight of them.
24 Coaching the other ones, how to, and I'm gonna use the word milk the Federal Government to
25 get, different, perks and so on because of their – alleged illness. They would coach them what
26 to say when they went to psychologists, or psychiatrists to ensure that they would get benefits.
- 27 DB I'm just gonna remove my coat Mr. WORTMAN. You can, go ahead.

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- 1 DB You go ahead, I'm still – I'm still listening, I'm just getting warm.
- 2 PW They all, ultimately were getting access to marijuana. Do you know how much they are allowed
3 per month? Ten grams. And the Federal Government started to realize man alive that's a lot of
4 marijuana because you guys are under the same umbrella as the military and they're getting the
5 same amount. It's costing so many millions the government decided to cut them back to three,
6 grams. I know an RCMP officer right now that has, and I'm not exaggerating because I made it
7 very clear with him. I thought initially he said he had a, shopping bag that you get at Sobeys full
8 of marijuana. He can't even smoke a fraction of what he gets every week. Or every two weeks.
9 And he said no, he said garbage bag full, and he's selling it. Highly respected police man.
- 10 DB Sorry keep going Mr. WORTMAN.
- 11 PW In any event, I'm gonna continue because I do have a question. I phoned the RCMP after that
12 phone call. I don't know who I was talking to. But apparently there was an investigation. A
13 constable, went to see my son in Portapique, because he has a, he had a log home there.
- 14 DB Mm-hmm.
- 15 PW And he asked him point blank did you threaten to shoot your parents. What do you think he
16 said? What do you think he said?
- 17 DB Me?
- 18 PW Yeah.
- 19 DB No.
- 20 PW Thank you.
- 21 DB Again, that's a – that's a complete guess like I explained before Mr. WORTMAN-
- 22 PW I mean that's kinda par for the course isn't it? And then the question was, do you have any
23 kinda of, firearms? What do you think the answer was to that?
- 24 DB Again, it's all presumption but, it would be no.
- 25 PW So. That was the end of the conversation, that was the end of the matter. I would hope.. you're
26 here today to gather information, well my attitude is quite simple. Now there's another officer
27 coming here.
- 28 BK Because I wasn't answering the radio. I'll talk to her outside right now.
- 29 DB They always check on ya right.

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1 PW Oh-

2 DB I – I say they always check on ya right.

3 (Talking in the background, inaudible)

4 DB Um, so, ah, cont- continue Mr. WORTMAN.

5 PW My attitude would be simple. I take, ah, if I had a uniform. I don't know how seasoned that
6 officer was but or how gullible he would be, but it sounds pretty serious when somebody's
7 threatening they (inaudible) murder.

8 DB Mm-hmm.

9 PW I don't think somebody shoots somebody (inaudible).

10 DB Mm-hmm.

11 PW that sounded like a threat of murder to me.

12 DB Mm-hmm.

13 PW In hindsight... I would hope that in the future when the RCMP get a call like that they just don't..
14 record it, file it (slapping sound), walk away.

15 DB Yep.

16 PW Cause that was a whole bunch of people dead.

17 DB Mm-hmm.

18 PW How serious was he? Call serious to me. We didn't leave the house by the way.

19 DB Tell me how long ago was that Mr. WORTMAN?

20 PW Ten years ago.

21 DB Ok.

22 PW As far as him drinking I wanna just skip back to that.

23 DB Certainly.

24 PW He never drank in my house, ever. And I was in death against it. I drink very, very little. I
25 believe he started drinking in university. And I did know, I had, I used to be a commercial
26 salesman. Once and while I'd be passing through Fredericton and he was at university I'd stop in
27 to see him. His room was always immaculate. It didn't matter I – I used to go in unannounced.

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1 There was never any beer bottles lying around, there was never any, empty cases or full cases, I
2 had, and when I... when I ah.. spoke to him about.. I used to go in the evenings, I'd go in the
3 daytime, lunchtime whatever, not an indication he was drinking. But I always went over this in
4 my mind, it would seem to me, if I were a policeman.. I would call the people who complained,
5 or made them aware of the threat, would you be prepared to swear in front of a judge that you
6 received that call? Because if you are, we'll carry this further and get a search warrant. Because
7 I know, he has side arms.

8 DB Tell me what you know about that.

9 PW Years after.. we wrote back, I never even saw where it came from but he brought out a massive
10 handgun, his hands are, a lot bigger than yours.

11 DB Mm-hmm.

12 PW I don't know anything about guns at all, but it was a big one.

13 PW Mm-hmm.

14 PW And he fired it off and it was deafening. And I said, what in God's name are you doing with that?
15 He didn't have an answer, I said you can't even use that for sh- target practice out here, it's so
16 loud that you know, somebody's gonna call, police and you're- be, what are you doing? I
17 honestly don't know when that was. But then he told me how he got it.

18 DB Tell me about that.

19 PW I'm gonna get another-

20 DB Sure.

21 PW You want a glass of water or pop or something-

22 DB No no no thank you.

23 PW No I'm ok, thank you.

24 DB No.

25 PW Excuse me.

26 DB Certainly.

27 PW I tell you what I think I'm gonna now though boys.

28 DB What's that.

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- 1 PW Is I'm gonna phone my member of parliament and tell them the same story.
- 2 DB Sure.
- 3 PW That's how serious now that I'm a little bit pissed off. I believe that if a judge ah issued a search
4 warrant, he would have been arrested, his weapons would have been seized. Because his was
5 of getting them was quite slick.
- 6 DB Tell me what you know about that.
- 7 PW I don't know where he ordered that one.. but it was shipped to an address, I believe in Houlton
8 Maine.
- 9 Db Ok.
- 10 PW He had a contact there, and he crossed. And brought that one.. into Canada, illegally. He told
11 me that.
- 12 DB Ok.
- 13 PW I believe he had a smaller ah pistol I think, I don't know why I say that I don't know if he
14 mentioned it or not, I – I have the feeling he said something about he's got something else, I
15 don't know if it was a Beretta or what he had I don't.. he used to, have a shot gun I never saw it
16 but I think he used to do, go duck hunting.
- 17 DB Mm-hmm. Tell me more about this contact in Houlton Maine.
- 18 PW It was a fellow who was the salesman at the General Motor Dealer.
- 19 DB Ok.
- 20 PW I don't even know if he's still alive, seemed to me ah, he was older than my son.
- 21 DB And tell me what you know about that relationship, between Gabriel and-
- 22 PW Apparently they used to ah... I think they went on snow machines together.
- 23 DB Mm-hmm.
- 24 PW That was through a mutual friend they linked up.
- 25 DB Tell me about this mutual friend.
- 26 PW All I'll tell ya about him is he's deceased now he died of a, a... I don't' know how he died but he's
27 now deceased. He died.. seven or eight years ago I think.

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1 DB Ok. Tell me was he in the – the car business as well or?

2 PW I'm sorry?

3 Db I'm sorry was he in the car business as well?

4 PW Ah no, that fellow was a lawyer.

5 Db Ok. Tell me – tell me about that.

6 PW Well that's all I know he was a friend, I – my son met him at university.

7 DB Oh ok. Oh so in, in, you said University of New Brunswick?

8 PW Yep.

9 DB Yeah, so Fredericton.

10 PW That's right.

11 DB Ok so the Fredericton on. Ok, um tell me about the way you know about that friendship.

12 PW Well I'll – I'll – I'll put it this way when my son was, a child growing up, he never had as much as
13 a cap gun.

14 DB Right.

15 PW Never owned a pellet gun, a pellet pistol or, ah, a bb gun or, any-

16 DB Right-

17 PW Any – anything, nothing that shot, he didn't even have a cross-bow or bow and arrow.

18 DB Yeah.

19 PW As long as he was, ah, I never bought him one, he never asked to.

20 DB Mm-hmm.

21 PW I used to go and shoot rats but even then he never was with me when I did that I used to go to
22 an open dump in Albert County and shoot rats. Ah.. but he was never with me, he never.. I
23 don't even know if he knew I was doing it.

24 DB Mm-hmm.

25 PW But all of a sudden he's ah – he's into he seemed to be interested in weapons or firearms I don't
26 know what cause that. I really do not know way-

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1 DB Yeah. Tell – tell me about your discussions with him over these guns I know you – you kind of
2 explained your questioning him on the this big, big pistol, but tell me about any – discussions-

3 PW Yeah but that was it he didn't have an answer why he had it.

4 DB Yeah.

5 PW Like he, well, there is another one, that ah, I said he had a shot gun-

6 DB Yes-

7 PW I'd never, I never saw it but here is the story and I think if you check with ah, the Halifax Regional
8 Police Service.

9 DB Mm-hmm.

10 PW His house, where he lived, was basically a three-story building.

11 DB Ok.

12 PW The main entrance was, the level where he had his lab.

13 DB Mm-hmm.

14 PW And his chair and so forth. And a reception area, he did all that himself, he built it all himself
15 from scratch but he lived upstairs on the next two floors. He told me this.. I never knew about
16 it. Apparently one evening, late in the evening or I think it was almost dawn, I think now it was
17 early, early, early morning, he heard some, noise, in that, in his, facility. So he went downstairs
18 and I don't know where the shot gun was or where it was kept I was never, I never asked. But
19 apparently as he went down.. there was a burglar in there and he was just ready to open the
20 front door and had his, had my son's fax machine with him. And my gun, ah my son told me he
21 cocked that shot gun. And the guys musta heard the click. Cause he immediately dropped the
22 fax machine and my son said don't move apparently after the click. And I don't know why my
23 son said to him. But then he did call the police. And ah.. I don't know what, they, constable or
24 police officer ah, was well aware that there's a shot gun there and he started giving a blast to
25 my son. Which I think is understandable.

26 DB Mm-hmm.

27 PW Were you gonna blow is legs off or kill him or what were ya doing?

28 DB Mm-hmm.

29 PW I don't know the conversation, I don't know what he was even asked, but I know that, the
30 policeman was hostile. He never seized the shot gun.

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1 DB Tell me about when that was.

2 PW Sorry?

3 DB Tell me about when that was.

4 PW Probably fifteen years ago I don't know it was a long time ago.

5 DB Ok. Mr. WORTMAN um, tell me what you know about ah, Gabriel um acquiring the – the police
6 paraphernalia that he did.

7 PW I knew nothing about that.

8 DB Ok. Tell me about what kinda insight you'd have like as to why he – he had the obvious – he had
9 some kinda I guess connection ah, or desire for RCMP paraphernalia. Tell – tell me about you –
10 what you know about that.

11 PW I'm sorry I didn't understand.

12 DB Well just, if you can find a background in maybe why Gabriel was interested in doing those types
13 of things?

14 PW What types of tings?

15 DB Acquiring police paraphernalia and-

16 PW I didn't know he did-

17 DB Oh ok-

18 PW Until I heard it on the news.

19 BD Ok. What-

20 PW He had none of that as far as I know, all his life, he, (laughs) I'll tell ya, I have, RCMP, high
21 browns. Actually they're not well I don't have them anymore but they were, you could buy
22 them in Fredericton-

23 DB Oh yeah-

24 PW At a place that made them.

25 DB Ok.

26 PW Ah that's the only paraphernalia that I ever knew about you could ever access, I used to wear
27 them on my motorcycle.

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1 DB Ok.

2 PW They're long worn out and they were black.

3 DB Mm-hmm.

4 PW But as far as my son having, badges or crests or ah, anything to do with police or any police force
5 or anything, I didn't know any thing- I never saw it he never mentioned it.

6 DB So, no previous signs that he was interested in this type of thing?

7 PW Nothing.

8 DB ell me, had he ever been interested in becoming a police officer?

9 PW Sorry?

10 DB Had he ever been interested in becoming a police officer?

11 PW Well I heard on the news ah, he had expressed that in school, ah he never told me, I asked my
12 wife about it and she said yeah he mentioned it once.

13 DB Ok.

14 PW I think because, two of my brothers were RCMP officers.

15 DB Ok.

16 PW AH, he was close to the youngest brother I had. And not to the other one, but ah, their ages
17 were ah, well it was like having an older brother. But.. the - the only thing ah that youngest
18 brother of mine taught him how to ski.

19 DB Ok.

20 PW Here in Moncton he went out in the morning by noon hour he was able to ski, I couldn't – I
21 tried, I couldn't- to save my life I couldn't ski.

22 DB Mm-hmm.

23 PW He never played sports.

24 DB Mm-hmm.

25 PW I used to play, organized hockey and organized baseball so one day I said to him, let's.. enjoy
26 some kind of a ball, I went that day and ah, he stood in the field with his glove down by his side
27 looking completely lost in that, you know, I said you didn't have any fun did ya? He said no. I

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1 said I guess we're not gonna waste your time doing that. So he knew how to ski and he knew
2 how ta, after high school, he never wrestled or of that in university, he wasn't into any kind of
3 ah... he had a bicycle but – when he was kid but, he delivered papers, he was always.. always in
4 business, it seemed. I – I.. (sighs) I.. he was ah.. he was modeling clothes in university.

5 DB Tell me about that.

6 PW He had beautiful blonde hair. Six foot three and build, very, very... like an upside down pyramid.

7 DB Mm-hmm.

8 PW He was modelling tuxedos. I think he made a few extra bucks to help him out through school. I,
9 I helped him in school, helped him to go through.

10 DB Tell me about that Mr. WORTMAN-

11 PW He had money, he was able ta, put himself through basically, I helped him..

12 DB Tell me about that like how he put himself through school.

13 PW He had a job with ah, Social Services.

14 DB Ok.

15 PW Ah it was part time or something I don't know, he was making money.

16 DB And you mentioned that you helped him as well tell me about that.

17 PW I'm sorry-

18 DB You told, you said that you helped him through school as well tell me about that.

19 PW I gave him a total of twenty-four thousand dollars. I don't know what his total costs were. And
20 that was a gift. When my mother died, I had ah, inherited some money as all my brothers were
21 all.. given money, equally. I gave him four thousand dollars of that money, as a gift.

22 DB That's on top of the twenty-four?

23 PW Yeah.

24 DB Ok.

25 PW The other money when he opened his business was a hundred percent loan.

26 DB The loan you're referring to tell me about that.

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1 PW That was to start his business and to buy that log home. If I'm not mistaken that log home was
2 around a hundred and twenty-three thousand whenever he bought it that's like twenty-five or
3 thirty years ago, around twenty-five or twenty-eight years ago. He completely revamped that
4 at his own expense, and he did amazing things.

5 DB Mm-hmm.

6 PW (Sighs) he was always busy at that log home I used to go down with my wife and she would
7 clean and then I was ah doing landscaping he bought two truckloads of sod and spread that.

8 DB Mm-hmm.

9 PW And I'm talking like dual-axel big. The guy had pallet like he had a swing arm on that, pallets and
10 pallets of sod to spread.

11 DB Mm-hmm.

12 PW He built an amazing deck on the back he could have, it was the size of a dance floor. He spent
13 sixty-thousand bucks alone on rock. Because he was concerned there was a breakwater there
14 that was wearing through so he had a, backhoe come in there and, put, huge boulders. I think
15 the guy took two weeks to do that.

16 DB (Inaudible)

17 PW That was all money he earned though like I had nothing to do with it.

18 DB Yeah, but the – the loan your referring to is that, is that bank loan or is that-

19 PW Sorry?

20 DB The – the loan to get his business start – started and to, get the log home, you – you mentioned
21 a loan?

22 PW From me and my wife yes.

23 DB Oh ok ok, that – that's w- I know you mentioned earlier but I wanna make sure that we're
24 talking about the same loan.

25 PW No no it's – it was ah.. it was a quarter of a million bucks.

26 DB Yeah. And you mentioned that he paid you ten thousand a month.

27 PW Every month.

28 DB Yeah.

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- 1 PW The only thing was I said on these properties you have, I want to be a co-signer.
- 2 DB Ok, tell me about that.
- 3 PW That's all it was. That's if he – if he went bankrupt or something I would own the properties that
4 all, when we're-
- 5 DB Oh ok-
- 6 PW Just a protection for me and my wife that's all.
- 7 DB Right. But tell me um, was he completely paid up with you or-
- 8 PW Right to the penny.
- 9 DB Ok-
- 10 PW I charged him I told him I said you know, ah, I'm not making much interest on this money, I will
11 lend you money at a preferred rate, it was miniscule. And they came, my wife and he ah.. in this
12 family, my wife handled all the finances. So they came to agreement how it's gonna go and
13 that's the way it went, I never questioned her, she never said ah, Gabriel's, forgot us or anything
14 it just – the agreement was made and that's the way it was. So if you figure ten thousand a
15 month times twenty-four you're getting awful close to a quarter million.
- 16 DB Mm-hmm. So Mr. WORTMAN, obviously you've had, a few weeks ever reflecting and um, just –
17 want you to talk about like why all of a sudden four years ago did the relationship dissolve or
18 maybe you could talk about your – your relationship with Gabe, before the four years.
19 Obviously sounded like it was pretty good if you were willing to lend him all this money. Tell me
20 about the relationship I guess from the time he paid you back until, till things happened.
- 21 PW Well I'll tell you about the relationship, see this ring?
- 22 DB Mm-hmm.
- 23 PW It's real old fashioned.
- 24 DB Mm-hmm.
- 25 PW I ah.. I was involved in a technical course and a carpentry course, I know quite a bit about
26 construction.
- 27 DB Mm-hmm.
- 28 PW So ah.. he bought two apartment buildings right beside the building he lived in. One winter he
29 was in his log home. And his common-law wife called him, and I don't know how she called him

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1 because he never had a cell phone, I think somehow ah, like she called a neighbor and the
2 neighbor said yeah there's an important call for you, ah cause he never had a cell phone I don't
3 even know ah.. so his ah, common-law wife said ah, your apartment building's on fire. What
4 had happened is the ah, there must have been mo – moisture in the ah fuel and the line froze,
5 so a service man came over and had a torch and was thawing that line out and did realize that it
6 was, debris or something underneath, the basement ah, so he got it working, somebody had
7 called from the – one of his tenants had called and said we have no heat so that got fixed, but
8 then the thing was on fire.

9 DB Mm-hmm.

10 PW So he said – he said to his common-law wife, why are you calling me? I'm not a fireman and I
11 have insurance. That's – so, that building was written off. I went down there and started
12 helping clean it up. In all the debris if you could imagine all the, the water damage and the,
13 shovel-fulls and – ash and – and, I found that ring, I said that'll be my payment. It's amazing.

14 DB Mm-hmm.

15 PW I've worn it ever since. The other apartment building is totally amazing. Ah, I'm – I'm going way
16 back likes it's – it was after though again mighta been twenty years ago in Halifax ah I remember
17 on the news they talked about it was a wind storm. You have to appreciate these buildings are
18 old. The roof, blew off. Cause I saw it, he told me. Part of the roof is leaning against his fence,
19 and another part was over in the back, and the guy was sitting watching television the thing
20 blew off. The amazing thing about that story is, there was rider on his policy that said if there's
21 wind damage without rain, you're covered. And he had it.

22 DB Mm-hmm.

23 PW I would never want that kind of insurance. But what happened the insurance company sent
24 somebody over after it rained like, this guy couldn't live there on the top floor, the other two
25 wouldn't leave. So after it did rain, the insurance company sent people over to put tarps all
26 over, but by then, the damage was done, and he called me and said there's – there's ah, fungus
27 growing here. I said go down to the building inspector, tell him what you found he'll have to
28 come over and do an inspection, and then he will tell you these people can't stay in this
29 building. And you'll have to tell them in writing that, they have to go. And they didn't go, he
30 said ok sign a release you've been – you know, you've been made aware, that this could be a
31 health hazard, and they stayed. But one of his ah, clients was a civil engineer. Cause I told him
32 ah, a roof is a very important structural part of that, building. It's not just to keep the weather
33 out it – it actually has a structural feature to it so.

34 BK It's dispatch again. Hello? Yes. Oh, can I call you back? Bye.

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1 DB Sorry Mr. WORTMAN.

2 PW His engineer friend told him don't – let them tell you that they're gonna rebuild that. It's been
3 damaged to the point that you just don't put a new roof on it.

4 DB Mm-hmm.

5 PW So there was a bit of a, I don't know how much, back and forth conversation there was but, the
6 building was ultimately torn down. That's why he has a parking lot. I helped him with that too
7 because, ah, there was a lapse of time and he had ah, somebody had complained across the
8 street apparently was unsightly premise or dangerous or something so I helped him board it all
9 up till he had a chance, like we – we cut panels and filled in the windows and so on. So I helped
10 him with that as well.

11 DB Mr. WORTMAN tell me about what you know about Gabriel's relationship with his common-law
12 wife.

13 PW About three or four days ago, my wife started talking about her. We were made aware that she
14 had a ah – an C1 - Personal Information and that seemed to... have a negative affect on her. She also was
15 C5 – Graphic Images or Potentially Harmful Information is what we were told for a period of four years. Which I
16 found to be ah.. quite unusual. I don't know how he met her. But her, when he met her, he told
17 me she was working in a bank I don't know which bank it was. At night, counting money. And I
18 thought that was interesting because there's money counting machines, I don't know if she was,
19 I know she, I watched her one time count money like a machine, cause she could – fast. C1 - Personal Information
20 C1 - Personal Information

21 So he started, he had other employees and when she came on the scene ah... she was
22 exceptionally jealous of those women that were working there.

23 DB Tell me about that.

24 PW Well she just didn't want him around any other women.

25 DB Tell me about their relationship.

26 PW Well, my wife told me three or four- I didn't know this but she, my wife ab- my wife and her just
27 didn't see eye-to-eye on anything. The impression that I got.. was she wanted to isolate Gabriel
28 from everybody. A strange story is like, she told my wife she'd get all dressed up real sexy, ah,
29 and go downstairs and parade around in from of these women, letting them know that she had
30 nothing to do because she's married to this guy and ah, how beautiful she was and, ultimately..
31 he ah, sent her to a ah, a – it was a course that had to do with his business. And after she
32 completed that, he trained her specifically in what she could do, in his business. So the two
33 women are the woman who are gone. In his Halifax branch, he had met a woman that
34 apparently had a young, like a twelve or ten year-old son, and she had been on social services.

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1 So he felt sorry for her and, he hired her as a ah, basically a receptionist and answer the phone,
2 make appointments.

3 DB Mm-hmm.

4 PW And apparently ah, Lisa met her and she wanted her gone for some reason, he – she didn't want
5 Gabriel around other women. So he got rid of that woman, I don't know.

6 DB Tell me who that woman was?

7 PW Sorry?

8 DB Tell me who that woman was?

9 PW I never met her I just-

10 DB Ok-

11 PW Ah..

12 DB Mr. WORTMAN tell me about any violence ah, that Gabriel, ah obviously he was a wrestler, but
13 tell me about any kinda other violence that, Gabriel woulda been engaged in or, tell me anything
14 you know about that.

15 PW I'm – I'm just trying to think just a second ah, we'll start when he was young. I never heard him
16 once come home and say there was a scuffle or, any kinda.. physical, alteration or altercations
17 ah, at school.

18 DB Mm-hmm.

19 PW All the way through, grade twelve. I know one day he told me that ah, it's when he was, he had
20 just started his business. And he was extending credit. And ah there was a guy that was not
21 paying him and he was in the neighborhood.

22 DB Mm-hmm.

23 PW And apparently the guy was coming through my son's backyard and my son ran out early in the
24 morning I think he was in his underwear and grabbed onto the guy-

25 DB Mm-hmm.

26 PW And said give me your teeth. And I think the guy, bit down and resisted, so my son apparently
27 because of his, study of anatomy because he was a funeral director he knew how to do
28 something to get – get open your mouth.

29 DB Mm-hmm.

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1 PW Took the guy's teeth out, and said these will be in my office, when you get the money they're
2 yours. Didn't hit him or anything.

3 DB Mm-hmm.

4 PW He told me another time, he was shopping somewhere, the guy never paid for his teeth, so he
5 approached him and ah, and said give me your teeth and the guy gave him his teeth and my son,
6 squashed them.

7 DB Mm-hmm.

8 PW There was no, no – fighting or, my son didn't curse either, like he didn't use, then he stopped,
9 issuing credit that's all, that's how that went, he had went through a learning curve and that was
10 the end of that.

11 DB Mm-hmm.

12 PW As far as any physical ah, between Lisa, I never, knew – she never said anything to my wife that I
13 know where he hit her. He'd tell me he, the news says ah, he tied her up and beat her.

14 DB Mm-hmm.

15 PW He treated Lisa very well. Last time I saw her she was driving a white Mercedes, he bought for
16 her. He bought her some kinda jewelry worth a few thousand bucks, he was very kind to her.

17 DB Mm-hmm.

18 PW Plus he paid her to work for him. They used to go to the Dominican Republic, he paid the whole
19 shot, ah, they used to stay at a real nice place and he would bring down DVD players and things
20 of nature for the staff. They ended up treating them royalty. Lisa had never left, the province of
21 Nova Scotia until she met my son.

22 DB Mm-hmm.

23 PW She kind of um.. enjoyed the limelight. He told me and he – he thought it was kinda funny, like,
24 they'd meet somebody and she would say oh yes we've been there and this you know and all
25 this kinda fluff talk, he thought it was comical but she soaked it up like a sponge. I think she
26 could be very ah.. artificial if it's to her benefit.

27 DB Tell me about this Dominical Resort.

28 PW Well they just used to go there I guess every winter, I don't know for how long, ah, what you
29 would, what I learned about doctors or dentist or, certain professionals, the expense of the trip
30 is negligible compared to how much money you're losing at by not – running your operation, I

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1 don't know long they go but they went there I guess every winter, for a period of time. I don't
2 know why he honed in on that but.

3 DB Tell me had you travelled with them, to-

4 PW Not to Dominical I've never been to – well we would my wife and I were to Dominican once.

5 DB Ok, but with them – with them?

6 PW No.

7 DB Ok. Ah I was just kinda curious about the name of the resort.

8 PW I'm sorry?

9 DB I was curious about the name of the resort the – the-

10 PW I – I don't know where they stayed ah, I can- we stayed once ah, I don't even know where we
11 stayed but it was not ah – I think we had probably gone there, I don't know before or after, we
12 never discussed, where we stayed he just told me it was like a five star and he was treated like –
13 he was treated like royalty because he used to bring them real nice gifts and, one day he said ah,
14 the manger said here's the keys to the car, they had like a car at the resort and he said, take it,
15 anything you want, like-

16 DB Mm-hmm.

17 PW They were treated beautifully I guess.

18 DB Tell me about other places he would of traveled in the Caribbean. Or anywhere I guess, for that
19 matter.

20 PW You see you're probing and prodding cause you know something.

21 DB Pardon me? Well my – it was my understanding that you traveled south with him that's why I'm
22 asking.

23 PW Sorry?

24 DB I – it was under my – it was my understanding that you travelled south with him-

25 PW Yes.

26 DB Yeah.

27 PW And who told you that?

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- 1 DB Just through briefings like in the – like in our discussions about the investigation.
- 2 PW So another policeman told you that?
- 3 DB Mm-hmm. Why?
- 4 PW I just find it unusual, that's all.
- 5 DB Well like I described the process, remember you asked me what the process what we do with
6 what we gather here, we – we pass that on to the investigative team. Specifically the – the lead
7 and the team commander right?
- 8 PW So you've had meetings with-
- 9 DB One hundred percent-
- 10 PW And been given information.
- 11 DB One hundred percent yes. Why?
- 12 PW Well whatever m- information you have is, it's probably accurate.
- 13 DB Ok, um, but again we, that – that's why I was trying to get your perspective from it right, this is
14 your statement right? So to get your perspective of that travel is what's important, that's why
15 were here. Right? We don't go on what, just one person says.
- 16 PW Well, we went to Mexico one time, actually my wife and I were in Mexico. We stayed six weeks.
17 And ah.. we called them and said, you should come down here, I said I can make arrangements
18 for you to stay here. And ultimately it was ah, they stayed a week, they were in a different
19 building than we were. Gabriel ah, one day, teased her because they used to para – parasail,
20 paraglide whatever you call it.
- 21 DB Mm-hmm.
- 22 PW He said to her something like you don't have the guts to go up.
- 23 DB Mm-hmm.
- 24 PW So she did and when she landed she ah.. put her head up in the air and stomped away kind of in
25 a sulky mood I don't know why that – that happened. She was ah, I saw that, but, apparently
26 she used to do it on a regular basis, my wife, was something.. I don't know what it was, I wasn't
27 there but it was some- it was some conflict that ah, it sparked a, she used to have a security
28 blanket. And my wife was down at his log home and, she grabbed that blanket and her pillow
29 and stomped off ah, just because of a conversation I don't know what Gabriel had done or
30 supposed to have done whatever it was. Anyways, when we were in Mexico ah, he and I were

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1 in the water one day. And ah, she was on the beach I don't think she wanted to go in the water,
2 I – I don't think she – I don't even really remember her going in the water, but, ah he said
3 something and ah, she stomped off again ah she – she did that quite a bit. But my wife's ah
4 used to go down, I was always travelling, I travelled the Atlantic Provinces, but she would go
5 down and help him clean and, Lisa would be there and, they just never saw eye-to-eye.

6 DB There – you were talking about this time you were in the water in Mexico.

7 PW He took his shorts off, he was up to here in the water and waved them around, that set her off.

8 DB Oh ok.

9 PW He wasn't exposing himself. (Coughs) I just thought.. nobody knows anybody there, why would
10 she be insulted, embarrassed or anything? So ah, she – she just seemed to ah, it wouldn't take
11 much for her to ah, sulk or whatever she did. He bought her, apparently Oil of Olay makes real
12 expensive stuff that, you can only get it, I don't know who (coughs) who used to, he bought this
13 amazingly expensive stuff, that she had and used. And apparently her sisters were over visiting
14 one time and they knew about the regular stuff that was expensive enough but she said you
15 really don't know what this stuff costs so you can't – it's unbelievable. I never, I thought well,
16 my wife said ah, after.

17 DB Excuse me Mr. WORTMAN-

18 PW He needed her.

19 DB Hello? I'll call you back, ok bye. Sorry about that.

20 PW My wife said ah.. he needed her because she was his employee. But it was a very.. I don't know
21 what you would call it. I don't know if they'd be together if – if she wasn't working for him, I
22 don't know.

23 DB Ok.

24 PW They didn't seem too ah, there was one time in Mexico ah, I went over – we were going to go
25 out somewhere. And I went over ah, to their unit, and, it was a, we were gonna go out it was a
26 beautiful night, it was a, but they weren't even talking to each other and – and I thought, oh my
27 God, we are on our holidays here, what is the bickering about?

28 DB Mm-hmm.

29 PW They both looked totally.. ah, upset. I don't know ah, you know you can talk about your son, oh
30 he was a great guy he walked on water whatever-

31 DB Right-

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1 PW And his relationship is all her fault and so on-

2 DB Yeah-

3 PW I don't know if he antagonized her or what it was but it seemed very, str – stressful would be a
4 good word. I – I mentioned to my wife I used to know a couple, that worked together all day
5 long behind a counter, answering the phones and – and ah, dealing with customers all day long.
6 And I thought to myself, after work, they're gonna be together all evening, that's gotta be trying
7 sometime.

8 DB Mm-hmm.

9 Pw And I attributed maybe some of that, you know, he used to go to the log home and, she didn't
10 seem to like it down there. That was where he found his quite. Most of the time he was
11 working at doing something to, I'll improve it or update it or, or make it more, to his liking.

12 DB Mm-hmm.

13 PW But ah.. I never had a, I never had an argument with Lisa or – or said anything to her about their
14 ah, their relationship. I figure everybody's got, whatever they have and if you can prove it fine
15 and if you can't that's your problem that's it.

16 DB How about with Gabriel?

17 PW Sorry?

18 DB How about with Gabriel like any disagreements or anything like that over the-

19 PW Well he never ever said ah, he never said she does this or I wish she didn't do that he never, c-
20 commented on ah, her – her ah, if she was negative or.

21 DB Yeah. But – but meaning like you and your wife, like that relationship, tell me about any
22 conflict, obviously something arose four years ago, where - where he advised he didn't want any
23 more contact, correct?

24 PW I – I – I wasn't there that's what exactly he said to her and she said fine, I don't know what, ah,
25 that was the conversation.

26 DB Ok. But tell me about any conflict other than that between ah Gabriel and your wife and Gabriel
27 and yourself.

28 PW I don't know why ah, my wife I always said to her.. you do too much for my son. When he was
29 young and when he was an adult, she would, one time ah, he had pneumonia. And Lisa.. had,
30 ah, previously made arrangements to go somewhere with one of her sisters or, I don't know
31 how many sisters it was already she was committed when he got sick so my wife went down.

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1 And looked after my son. And I guess he was in bad shape. And he had been working, I think he
2 was doing some drywall work or something and sanded – the place was, needed to be re-
3 spruced up. So while he stayed in his room sick, she cleaned and cleaned and cleaned. She used
4 to go down to his log home she told me did – weeding behind the place and he came down and
5 she had cleaned it and she even had stained the, there was like a little think off his master
6 bedroom and it wasn't – it wasn't a balcony it was like artificial, she had cleaned that and
7 stained it, stained his front porch and he came and he was all impressed that she had worked so
8 hard. I had gone down and I – I raked and raked for a solid week to in preparation of all this sod.

9 DB But ah, again, Mr. WORTMAN, like any conflict between you guys? Ah, whether it be Gabriel
10 and – and you wife, or Gabriel and yourself, any conflict at all? Whether it be physical or – or ah
11 verbal-

12 PW Well there was one – there was one time that there was a – there was a ah, I'm gonna use the
13 word ah, physical.

14 DB Ok. Tell me about that.

15 PW And ah.. a matter of months went by, with no contact with Gabriel or Lisa. And one day I said to
16 my wife, call Gabriel and tell him that I completely.. forgive him. And I – I'd like to see him. So
17 within a week he came up and we hugged.

18 DB Yeah. Tell – tell me what happened. Obviously you, you reached out, but what – what
19 happened before that? What – what led up to that?

20 PW He got drunk and beat the Hell outta me.

21 DB Ok, tell - tell me about that.

22 PW I didn't even realize he had been drinking I – I some- like usually the person drinks they – speech
23 is slurred or they stagger or ah, they might get, high blood pressure and their face is red, I never,
24 knew he had been drinking but he – apparently he was drinking and he started saying that I
25 wasn't much of a father and all this stuff.

26 DB Mm-hmm.

27 PW And so I started apologizing, but that didn't suit him so he just started pounding on me.

28 DB Tell me about – like when that happened, where that happened.

29 PW When it happened, I don't know it was years and years and years ago.

30 DB Ok. I'm just trying to have an understanding like ah, Gabriel was fifty or fifty-one correct?

31 PW Yeah.

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1 DB Yeah just when-

2 PW I would say when he was ah, twenty years ago?

3 DB Ok in his thirties.

4 PW That – I would say twenty years ago.

5 DB Ok. Tell me ah, tell-

6 PW And I did like, ah, it was never mentioned again and when – when I said I forgive him and we
7 hugged, that was that.

8 DB Yeah.

9 PW um, he used to, there was a period of time there, and again, I'm not good at, what happened in
10 chronological order but, he would call and we'd talk for quite a long time.

11 DB Mm-hmm.

12 PW Probably every second or third night. What he was thinking of doing or what he was going to
13 and asking, asking for input from me, that went on for quite a long time. It was after he had
14 finished university, or he'd be telling me like I told ya how he was setting all these businesses up
15 and doing all this stuff-

16 DB Mm-hmm. Tell me about-

17 PW I think he ah, when that friend died I didn't realize it was almost like.. he lost an older brother.

18 DB Oh.

19 PW I didn't know they were ah, that fella had a sailboat ah, he was very – very, he had a doctor's
20 degree in Law the guy was just, probably close to a genius. He used to ah, I think he, he gave
21 Gabriel guidance, business ah, maybe business matters ah.. I don't know how often they saw
22 each other ah, I know one time, there was a government auction of cars, again this might be
23 twenty-five years ago and they were there, and just a quirk of fate.. but they got along well I
24 don't think they ever had any dispute about anything.

25 DB Mm-hmm. The friend you're referring to Mr. WORTMAN, is it – is it the lawyer in Fredericton?

26 PW I'm sorry?

27 DB The, this person this great friend of Gabriel's that passed-

28 PW Yeah.

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- 1 DB Is this the – the lawyer from Fredericton?
- 2 PW Yeah.
- 3 DB Oh ok. Tell me how that affected him ah losing his friend.
- 4 PW I – this – that question is ah, I didn't realize that ah.. he was – we lived on the highway basically.
5 And ah there were kids at a, it wasn't a busy highway, like he coulda crossed it and it was like a
6 subdivision on the other side up, on the hill and, I never.. told him ah, oh you can't play with the
7 guys because. And there was another young fella that they all kinda hung around together um,
8 he did have one, that family had about three or four boys and one of them was this kind of his
9 sidekick and friend but ah.. I always told him, there was one time they were gonna go out ah,
10 and he said, he was very, fourteen or fifteen and he wanted to come back at eleven and I said
11 no, ah, (inaudible) just, I said usually anything after nine ah, somebody get into something stupid
12 and there's a whole bunch of stuff happens real bad and real fast so I said not eleven so then we
13 compromised and it was ten. I always told him, don't be a follower. I'll tell ya how smart he
14 was. I.. the house, the first house basically the one he grew up in, fourteen years of his life, it
15 was an old house and I was always working ar- it was ninety years old when I bought it. And I
16 had to put a new furnace in it. But I was hooking it up myself, all the planning and all the pipes
17 and everything. And one day ah, I was putting on, I bought a – a humidifier that worked in that
18 furnace, and he was playing with cars on the floor. Like, from that wall to this that far from me
19 when I was working trying to get this dehumidifier, or humidifier on. And I kept measuring and
20 looking at it and I – I just, and I said to him, I can't get this to work. He wasn't sitting there I
21 never like he was playing with cars, he looked up and he said turn it sideways it'll go in perfect.
22 Fourteen years old.
- 23 DB Mm-hmm.
- 24 PW And I said you – you better go upstairs now (laughs) cause my patients had run out with this.
- 25 DB Mm-hmm.
- 26 PW So he picked up his toys and left but the sucker went in, exactly what he said.
- 27 DB Mm-hmm. Um, this ah, this episode where - where ah, Gabriel had beaten you you say, um, and
28 you said that it was because you weren't a good father tell – tell me what led up to that, I know
29 you weren't aware that he was drinking until, the point that, it happened but, tell me what
30 happened before that, tell – every little detail matters.
- 31 PW I – I don't know why ah.. I um, I had a Hell of a temper.
- 32 DB Yeah.

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1 PW And I did a lot of screaming.

2 DB Yeah.

3 PW I know we use ah.. like I was brought up in a violent family.

4 DB Mm-hmm.

5 PW Where there was more than screaming going on. I never hit Gabriel, but I would be yelling,
6 which is probably just as bad as hitting.

7 DB Mm-hmm. Tell me about that.

8 PW (Coughs) well it was just I don't even, sometimes.. I would sense that, he seemed to be
9 challenging me.

10 DB Mm-hmm.

11 PW One day, ah, he was old enough to help me cut the lawn. And I was doing something else so my
12 mother had come over, ah.. and my wife brought her over and they were about to go and they
13 were gonna take Gabriel and I said no. I said he's gonna have to stay and help me cause I'm
14 doing this other stuff and I – the lawn has to be cut. And ah, I thought my mother had her
15 children to bring up, and she did her best, and to interfere in the bringing up of my son, I felt
16 wasn't appropriate. So there was (inaudible) yelling and screaming but ah, she left my mother
17 ah, left my wife took her and Gabriel stayed. And he deliberately ran the lawn mower over the
18 gravel. I never, I don't know what happened, I didn't – I just thought well.. you're gonna do the
19 lawn no matter what, but that's what I mean by the, challenging.

20 DB Mm-hmm.

21 PW And he cut the lawn, he thought he was gonna get out of it by doing that but it didn't – it didn't
22 fly.

23 DB Mm-hmm. But this day, this time that he assaulted you um, tell me how – how that, tell me
24 about that day like how it ended up ending that - like that.

25 PW Well we had actually, gone to the restaurant it was in the evening we had gone to the
26 restaurant together.

27 DB Ok.

28 PW And there was no great conversation ah, he – again he must have been, I don't, remember if he
29 was drinking, to be honest. We probably had a couple beer when we were eating but.

30 DB Mm-hmm.

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1 PW Maybe he had been drinking prior to it, I don't know but as we were going back to our different
2 units, ah, it was starting to get dark and that's when he started talking this way and I just.. I
3 actually felt hurt and I – I was crying I said I'm sorry if – if you know ya, you feel that ah, that I'm
4 a – a rotten father.

5 DB Mm-hmm.

6 PW I was sincerely apologizing but ah, that didn't seem to sooth his wounds.

7 DB And what happened next?

8 PW He smacked me.

9 DB Ok.

10 PW And I told him you know what, I said I'm not gonna fight back. So he straddled me on some kind
11 of a, picnic bench or something and started, ponding the Hell outta me. I was actually
12 unconscious, I don't know how much he hit me after that, but I remember waking up and there
13 was a, there was a couple ah.. couple of ah, staff.. were pulling him away. And then he was in a
14 rage like he was gonna fight them and then the manager came out. And I just, everybody
15 realized this is out of hand. So that was that.

16 DB Tell me about your injuries.

17 PW Sorry?

18 DB Tell me about your injuries.

19 PW My face was pretty smashed up, I lost a bit of vision in one of my eyes. But there's no scars on
20 my face or anything but. And I did, fully, forgive him, and we did – months after we did hug and,
21 as – as far as I was concerned it was over.

22 DB Tell me about where this occurred and when it occurred.

23 PW That was in Cuba.

24 DB In Cuba, ok.

25 PW He paid our way.

26 DB Ok.

27 PW What he said was, he talked to my wife and said he had won four tickets to Cuba (inaudible). So
28 we went. We had a Hell of a good time. It was – one day it was kind gloomy.. and I went – I said
29 to Gabriel I said you know that guy ah with his Sea-dos or water whatever they call them, I said

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1 he's not – he's not getting any business on this gloomy day I think we could go down there and
2 get a bargain. So sure enough, the guy said ah, half price and you can go for an hour, well we
3 had a heck of a time. We.. again I don't remember Lisa go in the water Gabe and I went in the
4 water.

5 DB Mm-hmm.

6 PW I think, I know I went up ah parasailing, I don't know if Gabriel did but.. It was one of the best
7 times we had.

8 DB Any other times that you – you witness Gabriel being violent?

9 PW Are you familiar with the magazine called ah, it's not violent but it's something, a magazine
10 called Frank?

11 DB Frank Magazine? Yeah I've heard of it yes.

12 PW I never heard of it until recently and somebody, somebody ah.. said there was in an article in
13 that about my son.

14 DB Mm-hmm.

15 PW Apparently what happened, there was ah.. his parking lot where those two apartment buildings
16 were he had it all paved and everything and all fenced in-

17 DB Mm-hmm-

18 PW There was as a sign that hung across, ah, customer parking only or whatever it was. And ah..
19 somebody had parked in there, and he had a, patient but, he – it was an elderly lady so he knew
20 it wasn't, one of his customers. So he kept an eye on it and started ta - I guess it started to
21 bother him. Nobody around but, it, said in that article that ah, once and while there's a church
22 right beside his place and he said somebody (inaudible) that didn't bother him at all. Finally two
23 people apparently ah, came back from down the street and said ah, they were ah, plain clothes
24 policemen with Halifax Regional Police Force.

25 DB Mm-hmm.

26 PW So, before they came back, he had locked it. This had happened before, he had told me other
27 people had done that.

28 DB Mm-hmm.

29 PW So they came to the door and flashed their badge and said you've got us locked in and they ah, I
30 believe they ah, they may have been in – tried to intimate him, that – that wouldn't fly. I'm the

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1 same. When he – he knows he was right he stood his ground and he said ah, twenty bucks gets
2 you out. Do you know this story?

3 DB No.

4 BK No.

5 PW So they said something like that's not gonna happen they seemed to be a bit bewildered at what
6 to do and the next thing you know there's another ah, I think, marked cars, two – two marked
7 cars and, two more policemen. One of them brought ah, they told him ah we're gonna get
8 somebody to bring us some chain cutters, and we'll get the car out, and he said go for it. And
9 you'll be charged with, destruction of private property and then they realized their intimidation
10 tactics didn't fly. So now there was somebody of rank I don't know where, the position was, but
11 it was a female officer. It was a simple matter of her apologizing saying it would never happen
12 again. Free to go. But I went to follow up to that. I know the street, I know the business, I know
13 where the business are, they had come from Tim Horton's. I'm gonna be a bit crude here, to
14 cover their ass, there was a little article at the bottom of that how they had, they're doing a
15 private investigation of somebody – business and they were - they were ah, speaking to the
16 business, businesses in that area about something. They came from Tim Horton's the
17 businesses are across the street from my son well they were not there, that article (inaudible).

18 DB Mm-hmm.

19 PW Just like this, talking it's gonna get folded up and put away. Police have ways of, investigating
20 themselves, my son would be alive today. If they had found his weapons. His source dried up. I
21 believe that, very, very strongly. He would of known, the – I don't know how you'd buy illegal
22 weapons, of any type, in this country, and his source dried up.

23 DB So you say his source dried up tell – tell me what you mean–

24 PW Well the guy always – that, one that he told me that he bought through the states-

25 DB Right.

26 PW That ah, that, was a one-time deal as far as I know and then the guy, I think the guy is either
27 dead or (coughs) or retired. They weren't great friends, they were, they knew each other.

28 DB Excuse me, Mr. WORTMAN I think they're checking me. Constable BURRIS speaking. Ah just a
29 little tied up at the moment. Yeah certainly thank you, ok no problem bye-bye. Sorry about that
30 (laughs). Um, sorry continue.

31 PW That's it.

32 DB Yeah.

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- 1 PW You may or not have an opinion on that, your opinion doesn't count does it?
- 2 DB No like – like I explained before, our job is to collect all the information and feed it back right?
- 3 PW How about I ask ya both a simple question.
- 4 DB I don't know if I'll be able to answer it but (laughs)-
- 5 PW How about an honest answer.
- 6 DB I'll definitely give you an honest answer.
- 7 PW If you went to somebody-
- 8 DB Yes.
- 9 PW And you were informed, that that person you went to see, had threatened somebody, whether
10 it's his parents or not-
- 11 DB Mm-hmm.
- 12 PW With shooting them-
- 13 DB Mm-hmm.
- 14 PW Would you have simply accepted no and no for two questions?
- 15 DB They way I'll answer that Mr. WORTMAN, we're both-
- 16 PW How about that for an answer, how about being fair.
- 17 DB This is how I'll answer that Mr. WORTMAN, I – I mean I don't know-
- 18 PW From your – from your stand-point.
- 19 DB We're both Major Crime investigators, and-
- 20 PW You were a policeman at one time.
- 21 DB Oh and I still am-
- 22 PW I know but let's say you've had that type of call, did you ever have a call like that?
- 23 DB Every detail would be followed-up on, guaranteed, that's what-
- 24 PW Thank you, how about no and no on two questions, we've discussed this-
- 25 DB Yeah-

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- 1 PW Would you just say fine and close the file? Personally?
- 2 DB No.
- 3 PW Thank you. And you?
- 4 BK No.
- 5 PW Thank you.
- 6 DB I – I –
- 7 PW Cause I know I wouldn't not. I don't care what my supervisor said.
- 8 DB Yeah.
- 9 PW I wouldn't care what my, listen I knew a lot a slack policemen ok?
- 10 DB Right.
- 11 PW I'm talking, there's one on this street, you know what he told me one day? They were absorbed,
12 the Moncton City Police were absorbed in the RCMP are you aware of that?
- 13 DB Yes.
- 14 PW Ok. I don't know if it wasn't when he was an RCMP officer or prior to that, but he told me, he
15 came in after his shift and his Sergeant was standing there and said you've been on your shift for
16 twelve hours, and you don't have one ticket to show me.
- 17 DB Mm-hmm.
- 18 PW The guy just looked at him and walked into the office. Is that the kinda guy you're gonna send
19 out? You know the amazing thing about this story? I phoned about a year or two after and I
20 said, what's the end result to that? I think it was a Corporal that told me, that police officer,
21 who initially went to my son, has become rather friendly or chummy with him, whatever term
22 was used. Now there's a whole bunch of people dead. My wife and I never gonna get over this.
23 And those people will never get over this. We have piles of cards. It's not helping. There's
24 people phoning and saying we're sorry, there's others who aren't. I wake up in the morning
25 feeling sick and I'm shaking and vibrating. My wife is crying all the time. That bible's there
26 cause she reads to me. And I sit where you are.
- 27 DB I – like I said when we came in here Mr. WORTMAN, we – we-
- 28 PW Your sympathy doesn't help me – I appreciated it but-

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1 DB No, no and I know – actually I can't say that I know that, I – I assume that right, there's - there's
2 no words that we can – we can say that are gonna change anything or change the way you feel.
3 Um, just that we want to make sure that you know that, we – we consider you victims as well
4 right, in this whole thing and, I can't imagine what it's like to be in your shoes and hope never to
5 be in your shoes but that's why we're here, to do, ah to do this right is we wanna do everything
6 in our power to prevent this from happening again, regardless of what the reasons were- are,
7 right we're here to hear the good the bad the ugly, right-

8 PW I'm going to tell you that.. when I hear, how those – Halifax Regional Police, covered themself
9 with that blurb, which was just a waste of words cause it was an outright stinking lie. I know
10 that street, I know where they came from the guy was carrying a coffee-

11 DB Yeah-

12 PW From Tim Horton's.

13 DB Yeah. But-

14 PW And the question then was, posed, why didn't they park at Tim Horton's?

15 DB Yeah.

16 PW It showed picture of the lot, it's like not even half full.

17 DB But Mr. WORTMAN-

18 PW And this report.. there was a flaw in what happened, those years ago, those ten years ago. And
19 somebody, took... took no for an answer, I don't have guns and no, I didn't threat anybody,
20 there are people who can testify under oath, one is a retired RCMP officer under oath,
21 (inaudible). It's not me (inaudible).

22 DB But it – like I explained, that - that's why we wanted to get a recorded statement, just so there's,
23 we're – we're all accountable for what happens in this room here today right and the
24 information is passed on and how we talk to you and how we treat you right? We're - this is
25 about accountability and it's about getting answers for, the families that have been affected by
26 this tragedy right?

27 PW I can't go out and rake my lawn. They sent me, twice cards of sympathy, the woman beside
28 sends cards or calling can we do something for you. My, when I heard about the guy in
29 Montreal shooting fourteen innocent people, I don't know those people, I didn't even have
30 sympathy for the parents of them.

31 DB Mm-hmm.

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1 PW They guy in Moncton shot three people and killed them. I don't know if you realize it but ah, the
2 RCMP were aware of that threat, ten years ago. They took us downtown that said for your
3 safety you should come with us, they almost, demanded it. And I understand the position.

4 DB Mr. WORTMAN are you referring to back then or just the, just recently-

5 PW Just now.

6 DB Ok, yeah.

7 PW Well ah, that day when he was on his rampage and that night, they came at five o'clock or five
8 thirty in the morning, I was sleeping and I thought I heard the doorbell and I thought. Five
9 o'clock and somebody- And then there was a knock on the door and there was two RCMP
10 Officers and they – they informed us that, our son was, I don't know how they worded it but,
11 you – you have to leave. My wife came downstairs C1 - Personal Information
12 she didn't really realize I said it's.. they said it's about your son I – I said I – I don't know why
13 you're here but you're gonna have to come back, and they said, it's about your son and I
14 thought he had been hurt in an accident or something and they told me all the stuff they were
15 standing right there. I said I'll tell you what, we're gonna go for a drive, it's still dark out, it's
16 early morning. By the time we left it was probably six or six-thirty. Streets are awful quiet at
17 that time but there's a lot of street people moving around in the dark. So there was some guys
18 rummaging through ah some garbage and I – I beckoned them to come over and I said I'll tell ya
19 what, I'll give you guys five bucks a piece if you don't make a mess here, they said we don't
20 make messes we clean up I said here you go. So we were heading for Tim Horton's at the other
21 end of town and, there was a young couple a young girl she was probably eighteen all wrapped
22 in a blanket the guy sitting beside her, and my wife said let's stop. She got out and then another
23 guy came on a bicycle. She said would you people like a coffee, it's cold as heck. Sure. We got
24 them all coffee. And then we drove but that house that I told you about that I bought, where he
25 grew up. On the way I said there's where I taught him to ride his bike. His bicycle, I said and
26 there's behind that school where I taught him how to right – run his dirt bike, and we drove by
27 his school. I'm gonna tell ya how smart he was. My I- we lived in Riverview but my s- my
28 mother lived in Moncton. I grew up in that house. She had a silver maple tree there that used
29 to get polluted with caterpillars. At six years old he gathered a bag full of caterpillars, and
30 brought them to school and sold them for a nickel a piece, to the kids. The teacher called, I
31 didn't know any of this. Teacher called at noon hour pleading with us to tell him never do that
32 again, once the kids got tired of them they just kinda released them all and the place was, full of
33 caterpillars. Now if I was a university tea – teacher of business, I would have said there's the
34 beginning of a, entrepreneur. I never had that type of thought about myself. I could show you
35 pictures.. one of the most beautiful.. beautiful baby, beautiful child, I can't get answers why.
36 We get the most beautiful letters, my wife goes, that shopping bag came from a – a residence it
37 was nurses, not nurses but nuns, all of them sending cards she knows them, cards an gifts. I'm

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gonna tell ya what happened.

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All my

brothers except one have had C1 - Personal Information it's in the family I knew when I was eighteen I was on the short list. This winter has been hellish for me, I don't know why, I talked to my doctor cause I was:

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well.. I'll wait for the next one see.

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Just as

I was coming in my wife was talking with there was somebody there they said if he doesn't come back right now we're gonna send the police to get him. I had left word with the nurse, I said I'll come back any time, any day C1 - Personal Information Tell him that. Looks like a lack of communication for them to threaten that they were gonna call the police, I said I'll be there in fifteen minutes, and he was there waiting.

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Sorry?

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PW That's – that's what I just said.

DB Ok, yeah. Yeah.

PW See that window over there they put a heart in it.

DB I didn't see it when I came in but-

PW Well there's a heart in the window for us.

DB Yeah.

PW When I was a kid, neighborhoods were different. I can remember the men shoveling there was no snow blowers, the men used to shovel the driveway and one – one guy maybe there was less, snow so when he finished his driveway he'd go and help his neighbor, and then two of them would finish and they'd move down the street. Everybody knew everybody the kids all played there was no problem on the street at all. Now I can't tell ya the person's last name or first name three houses up and I've been here, ten years.

DB Mm-hmm.

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1 PW They used to have something called a committee ladder. There was no wealthy people on that
2 street they were all, just average people. They all chipped in and bought a ladder cause they
3 used to change the, storm windows.

4 DB Mm-hmm.

5 PW One guy would do his and then bring the ladder down. They played horseshoes, they'd make a
6 lot, the men and the, families would gather it was such a, beautiful time. But the reason I
7 mention that is because I, she's a single woman I help her. This one was single for years and
8 years and I helped her doing things.

9 DB [REDACTED] were you aware that ah, Gabriel had
10 suffered from depression or had any mental health issues that may have contributed to this-

11 PW None at all.

12 DB Ok.

13 PW I swear to God.

14 DB Yeah.

15 PW I told you if, ah.. I never had a - I knew that his relationship was not the best.

16 DB Mm-hmm.

17 PW I don't wanna run, her down, but I think she was.. she has problems and I think that it, and I
18 guess he had problems. You can't mix oil and water. You can put them together but you can't
19 mix them and that's what I think's, partially, their relationship wasn't the best. He never, talked
20 to his mother about it but he never called me and - or talked to my face and said ah you know,
21 things aren't going well or, never mentioned..

22 DB Are any issues with any of these people that lost their lives that you'd be aware of?

23 PW Sorry-

24 DB That he had any issues with the people, like would you be aware that he had issues with any of
25 these people that lost their lives-

26 PW No I heard that - I heard that um, on the news that he had shot.. another ah, dentist. At one
27 time he was contemplating being the president of that association, ah, he never ever mentioned
28 to me he had a conflict with nay, dentist. He had the lion's share. I'm - I'm not bragging I
29 know that he was, one of the best, as far as the quality of his workmanship. He made me two -

30 [REDACTED]
31 anyways and that - that - I thought I'm not gonna keep doing this to him, never charged me.

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1 DB It's been a long time that we've been sitting down Mr. WORTMAN are you ok?

2 PW I wasn't ok when you came.

3 DB (Chuckles) yeah but would you be open to us coming back and – and talking further?

4 PW Really I – I - I'm not, I – I said a whole bunch of stuff there but-

5 DB Yeah but every – every little bit matters it really does like ah-

6 PW I want you to push that issue if you wouldn't mind, outta consideration for the others who are
7 suffering, not even me.

8 DB Well I – I exp-

9 PW For those who are suffering somebody has to know that there was a, a rock was turned over and
10 it just was left-

11 DB That – that's what we're doing right?

12 PW I hope you agree with what I said.

13 DB Well what you say, gets – gets funneled back to – to the team and every – that's why we go out
14 and collect every – we collect everything, and I'd sit here for two days with you if the – that was
15 what was needed.

16 PW I – I know and you know.. he knew, he was gonna die. That was a way, of committing suicide.

17 DB tell – tell me what you mean by that.

18 PW You don't go shooting people and expect to get away with it, my son was not dumb.

19 DB No.

20 PW Do you understand what I'm saying?

21 BK I do.

22 DB Absolutely-

23 PW He knew what he was doing and he knew he was gonna die, why he had to do what he did he
24 probably didn't have the guts to click one off. I don't, there's other ways to kill yourself without
25 shooting yourself, I know a couple. You can do it painlessly.

26 DB But what – why the carnage in between, like I understand what you're saying Mr. WORTMAN-

27 PW But why that I have no idea, that's the point.

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1 DB Ok.

2 PW It may have been, avoided or averted whatever, maybe if somebody had done a little bit more
3 pushing.

4 DB Mm-hmm.

5 PW And taken the – and kept an eye, and dropped in and said you know, just keep, the police don't
6 have to hold your hand through life but that was a serious issue that was kind of swept under
7 the rug, as far as I'm concerned. This business of getting marked cars, it's a horrible thing that
8 I'm gonna say, it shows that he planned it for quite some time. He knew exactly, how he would
9 build up to like a cu Shendo in an opera, slowing going more over the edge or getting closer to
10 the edge. **C1 - Personal Information** the street term that he cracked or he
11 snapped, tell me the medical term that what he did – they don't have a word for it.

12 DB Mm-hmm.

13 PW And then he says, there's a whole combinations of things, that would cause this. Obviously it's
14 very rare, thank God.

15 DB But that's why I say that's why we go out collect every little piece cause we don't know, how
16 they all fit together and, we're gonna try our best to find out why this happened and all the
17 factors that played into it. That's why I'm asking you if you'd be open to us coming back and
18 speaking again, and speaking-

19 PW I can't see any benefit I'm sorry but no, the answer is no and I mean it this time-

20 DB And- yeah – yep.

21 PW I don't.. In school we thought they interviewed a – I think it was teacher, they said he, they knew
22 ah, ultimately had – he had motorcycles that went on the street. I'll give you an example of
23 something. I came home one day and there was a, traffic ticket on the table, this is when he
24 was like fifteen or sixteen. Had to be sixteen cause he had a license for his motorcycle, he drove
25 it to school. So I said what's this? Well he said I passed a woman coming home from school on
26 one wheel and she reported me to the RCMP in Riverview, that's who does the policing there.
27 So here is the ticket. I said this is the way this is going to work. I'm gonna take you to the police
28 station, you're gonna ask to speak to the RCMP officer that issued that ticket. And yore' going
29 to sincerely ap- um, tell him, that it was a stupid thing to do, and you have my assurance that
30 you won't – that you won't do it again. And I said he's gonna rip your man you – he's gonna
31 ream you out. And I said all this time I'm not gonna be saying a word-

32 DB Mr. WORTMAN your wife just called for you.

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1 PW Just a second. In any event, two weeks later he was back at it. Excuse me.

2 DB I heard her call for him.

3 BK (Inaudible)

4 (Talking, inaudible)

5 PW They'll be gone in a minute.

6 DB Is she ok Mr. WORTMAN?

7 PW She- ah excuse me.

8 DB Certainly.

9 PW She's crying, I'd like you guys to say good bye, if you don't mind.

10 BK Mm-hmm.

11 DB Yeah, absolutely again we're trying ta, trying to be as respectful as possible and – and do our

12 jobs yeah-

13 PW (Inaudible)

14 DB Ah no we'll ah-

15 PW I am not gonna talk any more about this I really have, I feel sick.

16 DB Yeah.

17 PW I physically feel sick honest to God.

18 DB Yeah, yeah and, um, I – I can see that, so I'm gonna turn off the - if you don't have anything else

19 you wanna add right now, I'll turn off the recorder.

20 PW Yep.

21 DB Ok, it's seventeen-thirteen.

22 -----Recording ends here-----